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FUNCTIONING OF NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to improve the functioning of National Medical Library (NML);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Funds provided for the National Medical Library by the DGHS during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Government has initiated many activities as listed below to improve the functioning of the National Medical Library(NML):

i) Electronic Journal Consortium has recently been started by NML to provide facility to access over 1500 journal electronically by the 39 medical colleges/institutions across the country. The consortia will provide facilities to medical students stationed at remote areas to avail standard medical literatures without visiting NML;

ii) NML is disseminating more than 8700 copies of the medical journals to different medical college students facilitating research in medical sciences;

iii) NML is conducting training work-shops for different medical college libraries across the country to process their library collection in the electronic form. It has also created data bank of over 4000 medical research thesis. These are expected to be available on the NML's website;

iv) Numerous electrical & civil development work have been taken up to improve the basic amenities at NML.

The allocation of funds to NML was Rs.10.53 cr., Rs.10.25 cr. and 15.60 cr. during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.